(vi) In the case of schemes implemented through Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), funds are released after obtaining the recommendations of the State Governments/U.Ts. and after an assessment of the standing of the NGO, past performance, etc. Apart from periodic progress reports, the NGOs are required to furnish Annual accounts and audited reports and Utilization Certificates on the basis of which further release of funds are made. Inspection of NGOs is also undertaken through State Government/U.T. officials, and other authorities and also by Central Government officers.

Uplifting the financial conditions of the Tribals

910. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is taking a number of steps for uplifting the financial conditions of the tribals of KBK areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) The Revised Long Term Action Plan formulated by the Union Planning Commission (1998-99 to 2006-2007) for development of the undivided districts of Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi (KBK) in Orissa consists of Central Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes in various sectors namely Agriculture, Horticulture, Watershed Development, Afforestation, Rural Employment, Irrigation, Health, Drinking Water, Rural Connectivity, etc.

After the initiation of the revised Long Term Action Plan, additional funds of Rs. 37 crore were provided in the Annual Plan 1998-99 of Orissa specifically for these districts. In addition, Rs. 7 crore were provided for the Emergency Feeding Programme and Rs. 2 crore for Mobile Health Units under BMS.

For Annual Plan 1999-2000, an additionality of Rs. 37 crore has been allocated over and above Rs. 10 crore earmarked for Drinking Water Supply, Rs. 8.60 crore for Emergency Feeding Programme and Rs. 2 crore for Mobile Health Units under BMS.